

**ABSTRACT**  
**DATA NETWORK**

The invention relates to a communications network that includes an originating Real Time Data over IP host and a terminating Real Time Data over IP host between which communication is to be effected. The network also includes communication control means for at least receiving information relating to the communication. Furthermore the network also includes communication forwarding means which receives at least some data sent between the two Real Time Data over IP hosts and which sends to the communication control means information relating to the communication. (Figure 1).